

CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A method of immunotherapy to treat cancer by administering an effective amount of a natural cytokine mixture (NCM) including cytokines selected from the group consisting essentially of IL-1, IL-2, IL-6, IL-8, IL-12, IFN- γ ~~IFN- δ~~ , TNF- α , GM-CSF, G-CSF, recombinants thereof, and combinations thereof; maturing immature dendritic cells; and allowing presentation by resulting mature dendritic cells of exogenous antigens.
2. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said administering step is defined as administering 75 to 500 units IL-2 equivalence.
3. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said administering step is defined as bilaterally administering the NCM into lymphatics that drain into lymph nodes.
4. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said administering step is defined as unilaterally administering the NCM.
5. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said administering step is defined as administering the NCM for at least 1 to 10 days.
6. (Original) The method according to claim 5, wherein said administering step is further defined as administering the NCM up to about 20 days.
7. (Original) The method according to claim 6, wherein said administering step is further defined as administering the NCM bilaterally and for about 10 days.
8. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said administering step is

defined as administering the NCM prior to surgery or radiotherapy.

9. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said administering step is defined as administering the NCM during recurrence of tumors.

10. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further including the step of administering an effective amount of cyclophosphamide (CY).

11. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1, further including the step of administering an effective amount of a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) selected from the group consisting of indomethacin (INDO), Ibuprofen, celecoxib (~~Celebrex®~~), rofecoxib (~~Vixx®~~), CoxII inhibitors, and combinations thereof.

12. (Currently amended) A method of immunotherapy to treat cancer by consisting of the step of administering an effective amount of CY and an effective amount of INDO.

13. (Currently amended) A synergistic anti-cancer treatment method by consisting of the steps of administering an effective amount of CY and an effective amount of NSAID selected from the group consisting essentially of indomethacin (INDO), Ibuprofen, celecoxib (~~Celebrex®~~), rofecoxib (~~Vixx®~~), CoxII inhibitors, and combinations thereof; and producing an activity greater than the individual activities of CY and NSAID.

14. (Currently amended) A method of immunotherapy to treat cancer by administering an effective amount of CY in combination with an effective amount of INDO and an effective amount of IFN- γ ~~IFN- δ~~ , IL-2, IL-1, and TNF- α .

15. (Currently amended) A method of immunotherapy to treat cancer by administering an effective amount of CY in combination with an effective amount of INDO and an effective amount of recombinant IL-2, recombinant IFN- γ ~~IFN- δ~~ , recombinant TNF- α ~~TFN- α~~ , and recombinant IL-1.

16. (Currently amended) A synergistic anti-cancer treatment comprising the steps of administering an effective amount of CY and INDO in combination with an NCM including cytokines selected from the group consisting essentially of IL-1, IL-2, IL-6, IL-8, IL-12, IFN- γ ~~IFN- δ~~ , TNF- α , GM-CSF, G-CSF, recombinants thereof, and combinations thereof; and producing an activity greater than the individual activities of the NCM, CY, and INDO.

17. (Withdrawn) A synergistic anti-cancer composition comprising an effective amount of CY; an effective amount of INDO; and an effective amount of an NCM including cytokines selected from the group consisting essentially of IL-1, IL-2, IL-6, IL-8, IL-12, IFN-.delta., TNF-.alpha., GM-CSF, G-CSF, recombinants thereof, and combinations thereof.

18. (Withdrawn) An anti-metastatic treatment method comprising the steps of promoting differentiation and maturation of immature dendritic cells in a lymph node; allowing presentation by resulting mature dendritic cells of antigen to T-cells to gain immunization of the T-cells to the antigen; and preventing development of metastasis.

19. (Withdrawn) An anti-metastatic method by unblocking immunization at a lymph node; and generating systemic immunity.

20. (Withdrawn) The anti-metastatic method according to claim 19, further including the step of preventing development of metastasis.

21. (Withdrawn) A method of using a natural cytokine mixture as a diagnostic skin test for predicting treatment outcome by administering an NCM intracutaneously and determining a response to the NCM within 24 hours, wherein a negative skin test indicates unresponsiveness to the NCM and predicts failure of patients to respond to surgery with or without radiotherapy.

22. (Withdrawn) A method of pre-treatment of dendritic cells (DC) by applying an effective amount of CY and INDO in combination with an NCM including cytokines selected from the group consisting essentially of IL-1, IL-2, IL-6, IL-8, IL-12, IFN- δ , TNF- α , GM-CSF, G-CSF, recombinants thereof, and combinations thereof.

23. (Withdrawn) A method of treating monocyte defects characterized by sinus histiocytosis or a negative NCM skin test by applying an effective amount of CY and INDO in combination with an NCM including cytokines selected from the group consisting essentially of IL-1, IL-2, IL-6, IL-8, IL-12, IFN- δ , TNF- α , GM-CSF, G-CSF, recombinants thereof, and combinations thereof.

24. (Currently amended) A method of eliciting an immune response to exogenous tumor antigens by administering an effective amount of an NCM including cytokines selected from the group consisting essentially of IL-1, IL-2, IL-6, IL-8, IL-12, IFN- γ , ~~IFN- δ~~ , TNF- α , GM-CSF, G-CSF, recombinants thereof, and combinations thereof; and an effective amount of exogenous tumor antigens.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently amended) A method of eliciting an immune response to exogenous tumor antigens by administering an effective amount of an NCM; ~~and~~ an effective amount of CY, wherein the NCM includes cytokines selected from the group consisting essentially of IL-1, IL-2, IL-6, IL-8, IL-12, IFN- γ ~~IFN- δ~~ , TNF- α , GM-CSF, G-CSF, recombinants thereof, and combinations thereof; and an effective amount of exogenous tumor antigens.

27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently amended) A method of eliciting an immune response to exogenous tumor antigens by administering an effective amount of an NCM; an effective amount of CY; ~~and~~ an effective amount of INDO, wherein the NCM includes cytokines selected from the group consisting essentially of IL-1, IL-2, IL-6, IL-8, IL-12, IFN- γ ~~IFN- δ~~ , TNF- α , GM-CSF, G-CSF, recombinants thereof, and combinations thereof; and an effective amount of exogenous tumor antigens.

29. (Canceled)

30. (Withdrawn) A composition for eliciting an immune response to endogenous or exogenous tumor antigens comprising an effective amount of an NCM including cytokines selected from the group consisting essentially of IL-1, IL-2, IL-6, IL-8, IL-12, IFN- δ , TNF- α , GM-CSF, G-CSF, recombinants thereof, and combinations thereof.

31. (Withdrawn) The composition according to claim 30, wherein said composition further comprises an effective amount of CY.

32. (Withdrawn) The composition according to claim 31, wherein said composition includes an effective amount of INDO.